

SNAPPER®

SOME GUIDELINES TO

SAFETY

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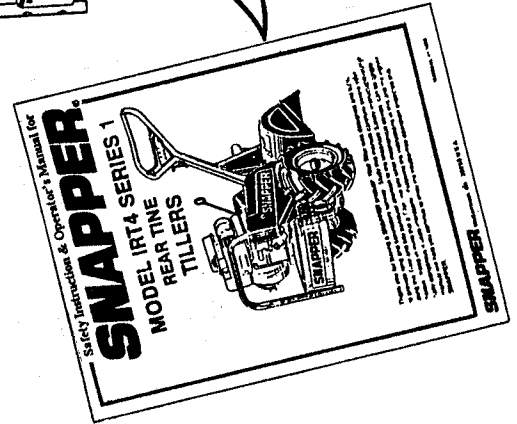
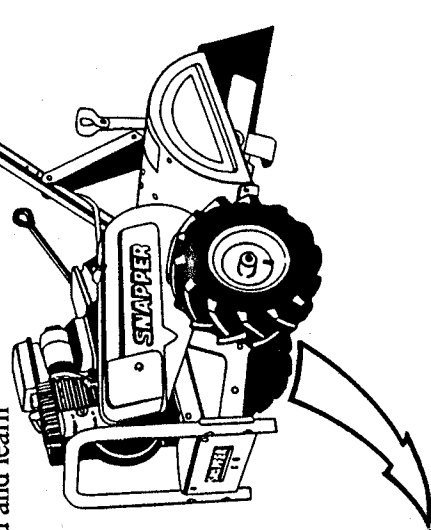
INTRODUCTION

Your SNAPPER® Tiller was designed to make gardening much easier and more enjoyable. However, always keep in mind that this work-saver is a powerful machine capable of causing injury and property damage when used improperly. People are treated in hospitals for tiller related injuries each year. These injuries include painfully crushed or broken bones, burns, lacerations, amputations, and even death.

Don't become a statistic! Accidents happen most often when people don't learn how to operate the equipment properly or don't use common sense and get careless. Get to know the danger zones and keep constantly aware of the potential hazards of operating your Tiller. Also, **DO NOT** let pre-teenage children, immature teenagers, or untrained adults operate your machine. Make sure all operators become thoroughly familiar with all controls and understand all of the SAFETY Instructions before allowing them to operate your Tiller. SNAPPER® presents some important SAFETY Precautions on the following pages. Read and review this booklet often for SAFETY'S sake.

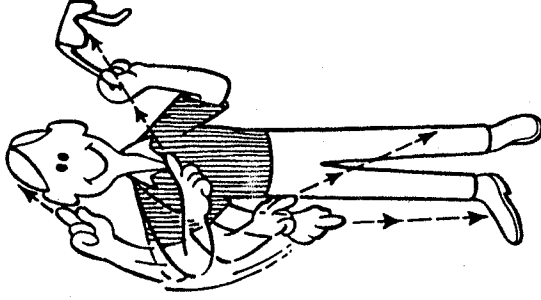
PREPARE YOURSELF

Read the Operator's Manual before starting or operating the Tiller for the first time and at the beginning of each tilling season. Know where all controls are located and learn the function of each.



GET TO KNOW YOUR MACHINE

Pay particular attention to the Important Safety Instructions in the Operator's Manual and to the **WARNING** decals and labels on the unit. Watch for the SAFETY alert symbols. Keep away from all moving parts and hot engine surfaces. Practice starting, stopping, and operating your Tiller before actual use.

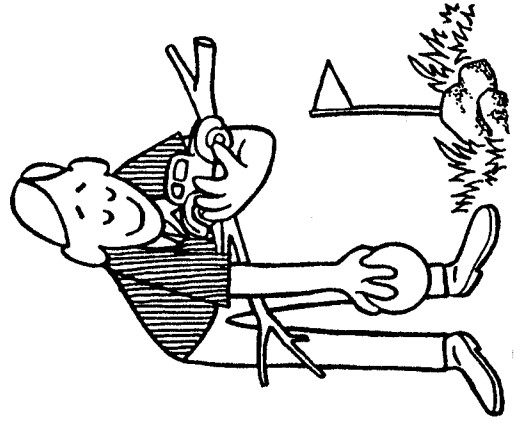
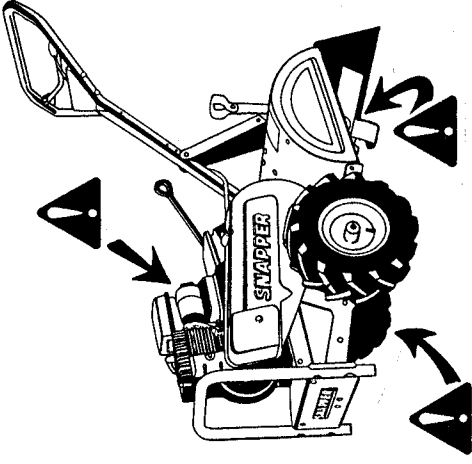


DRESS FOR THE JOB

Wear substantial footwear with good traction and protective clothing for the job at hand. Don't wear loose clothing or pants legs or unrestrained long hair which could be drawn into rotating parts. Use SAFETY glasses and a dust mask whenever needed.

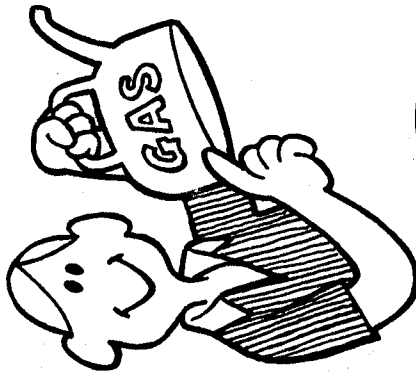
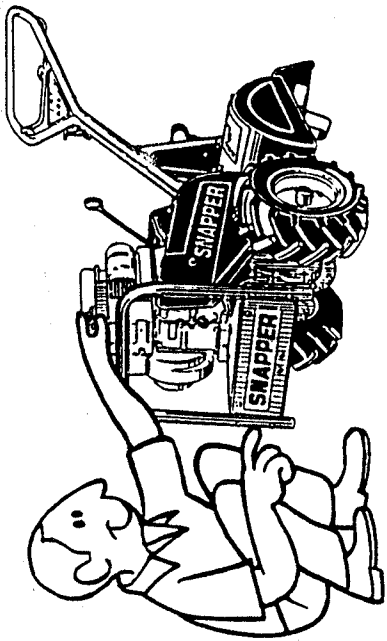
PREPARE THE AREA BEFOREHAND

Always check the area to be tilled before tilling. Pick up toys, tools, rocks, sticks, wires, or any other objects that could be struck by the tines. Also check for and mark obstructions to be avoided such as drain pipes, buried wires or pipes, sprinkler heads, protruding boulders, etc.



PREPARE YOUR MACHINE

Check for loose or missing parts. Make sure shields, guards, safety switches, and other safety protection devices are in good condition and in place and operate properly. Check for fuel leaks and correct if found. Maintain the proper oil level in the engine to prevent overheating and damage.

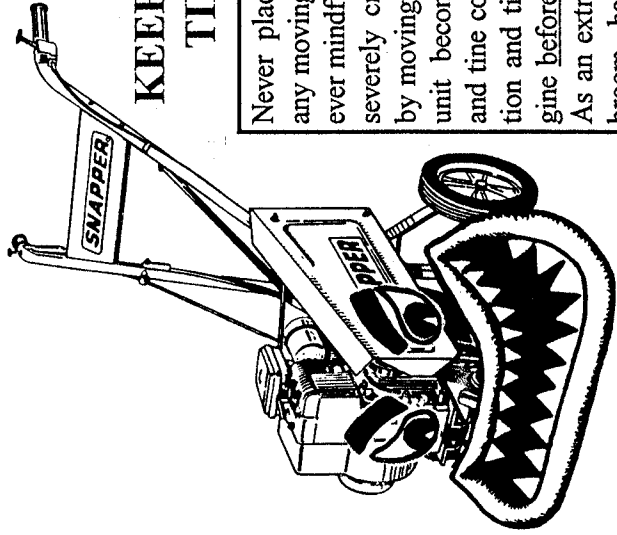
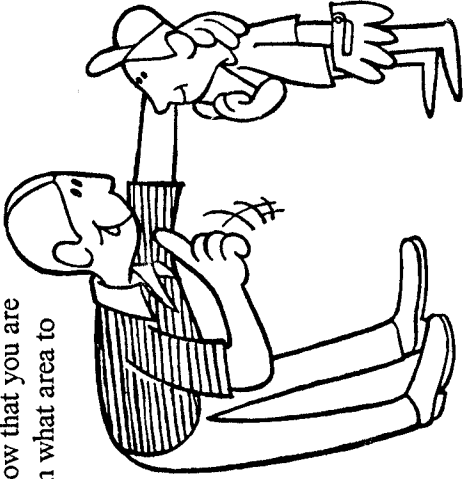


HANDLE FUEL WITH CARE

Gasoline (or Petrol) has become such a common fuel that there is a tendency to forget that it readily forms a highly flammable vapor. Before adding fuel, push machine outdoors or to an area where vapors will not collect. If you do spill fuel, wipe it up and allow time for complete dissipation of fumes before attempting to start. STOP the engine and allow it to cool off before refueling. Store gasoline only in an approved, properly marked gasoline container and keep it safely out of the reach of children. NEVER store or use gasoline in any area of your home, including the basement. DO NOT use it as a cleaning agent!

WARN PEOPLE BEFORE STARTING PROJECT

Let everyone in the vicinity know that you are going to be tilling and tell them what area to avoid. To be on the safe side, make children stay inside the house and keep pets away while you are tilling. Watch out for children and/or pets darting into the area and be prepared to STOP the Tiller immediately!



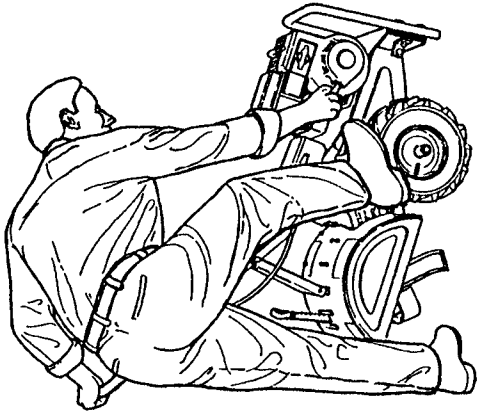
KEEP AWAY FROM TILLER TINES

Never place your hands or feet near any moving part(s) of the Tiller! Keep ever mindful that hands and feet can be severely crushed and even amputated by moving tines, belts, and pulleys. If unit becomes clogged, release wheel and tine control to STOP forward motion and tine rotation, then STOP engine before attempting to unclog tines. As an extra precaution, use a stick or broom handle to clear tines after STOPPING the engine!

USE PROPER STARTING PROCEDURES

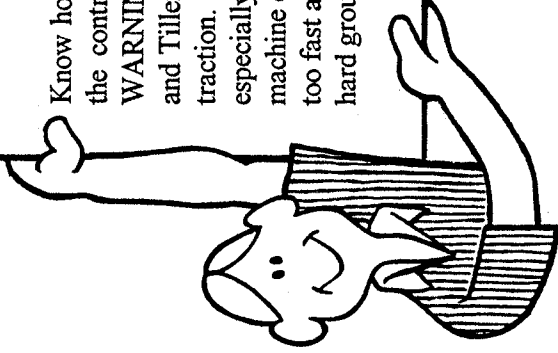
Follow the starting instructions spelled out in the Engine Owner's and Tiller Operator's Manuals. Make sure all controls are working. Check to see that the wheel and tine control is in the released position. Move the Tiller outdoors where exhaust fumes will quickly dissipate. Keep hands

and feet safely away from the Tiller tines while starting. If flooding occurs (strong odor of gasoline), **DO NOT** continue attempting to start as this would cause raw fuel to flow into the engine and out the muffler in severe cases. Allow time for fuel vapors to dissipate before locating and correcting the cause of flooding. Ask your Dealer for help if the cause of flooding is not readily evident. To prevent a flash fire, never test for an ignition spark while an engine is flooded, and keep away from the muffler in case of backfiring.



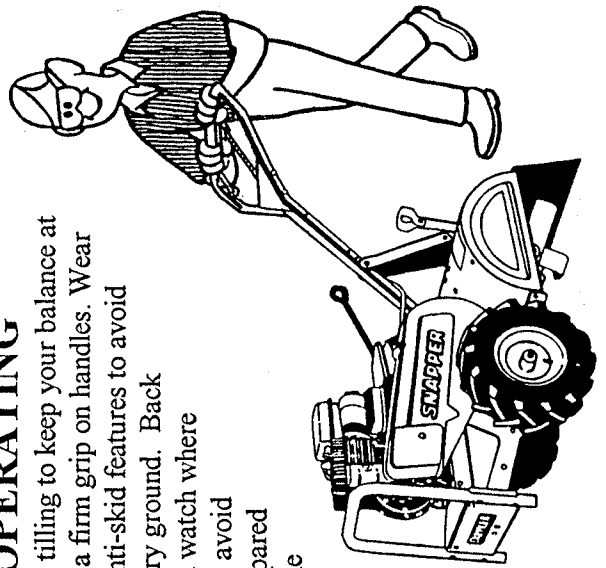
SOME SPECIFIC PRECAUTIONS

Know how to **STOP** the Tiller and to disengage the controls **QUICKLY!** Pay attention to all **WARNINGS** and Instructional Labels on Engine and Tiller. Wear substantial footwear with good traction. Always watch where you are going, especially when backing. **DO NOT** overload machine capacity by attempting to till too deep at too fast a rate. Use less tine depth when breaking hard ground.



THINK SAFETY WHILE OPERATING

Go slowly when tilling to keep your balance at all times. Keep a firm grip on handles. Wear footwear with anti-skid features to avoid falling on slippery ground. Back up carefully and watch where you are going to avoid tripping. Be prepared to release the tine and/or traction drive clutch immediately.



KEEP TILLER IN SAFE OPERATING CONDITION

Check for wear and deterioration frequently. Replace parts as needed with only genuine **SNAPPER®** replacements. Lubricate Tiller as specified in Operator's and Engine Manuals to prevent premature wear and to keep essential controls from binding. **DO NOT** tamper with the engine governor in an attempt to alter engine speed settings. Service only after engine has **STOPPED** and has cooled with the spark plug wire disconnected and secured away from the plug to prevent unintentional starting. It is recommended to have your Tiller serviced once a year by an authorized **SNAPPER®** Dealer to upgrade the machine to the latest **SAFETY** Standards.

